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IN RE APPLICATION OF )  
FRANK FICKER )  
Serial No.: 09/733,009 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Confirmation No.: 3026 ) Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: December 8, 2000 )  
For: Process and Apparatus for )  
Stretching Textile Fibers )  
(as amended herein) )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application before examining the application on the merits:

IN THE TITLE

Please cancel the original title of the invention and substitute therefore the following new title of the invention  
--PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR STRETCHING TEXTILE FIBERS--.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the original abstract and substitute therefore the enclosed substitute abstract (2 copies provided).

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the original specification and substitute

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Frank Ficker,**

**Group Art Unit: Unknown**

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**Examiner: Unknown**

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**Our Account No.: 04-1403**

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(as amended herein)

**Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	21	minus	20	=	1	x \$18 =	\$ 18.00

**Independent Claims**     2 minus 3     = 0 x \$80 =     \$ 0.00

If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$270.00 (per application)

Since Official Action set an original due date of N/A

PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$390; 3 months \$890; 4 months \$1390) \$ 0.00

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and any referenced attachment and fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, on April 18, 2001.

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